

<i>Year</i>	<i>Number of arrests</i>	<i>Quantity of drugs Seized (in Kgs.)</i>	
1989	5	Heroin	15.9
		Hashish	252.7
1990	6	Heroin	88.375

No precise valuation of prohibited drugs, which are often of indeterminate chemical strength and composition, and which are liable for destruction, is feasible.

(c) Two persons have absconded.

Crisis in Silk Industry

1517. SHRI GOVINDRAO NIKAM: Will the Minister of TEXTILES be pleased to state:

(a) whether the conditions of silk industry workers is miserable;

(b) if so, the reasons thereof;

(c) the assistance proposed to be given by the Govt. to the silk Industry workers; and

(d) the steps being taken by the Government to increase the production of Silk products in view of its great demand in foreign countries?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF TEXTILES (SHRI ASHOK GEHLOT): (a) and (b). In general, the conditions of the workers in the silk industry are not considered to be miserable.

(c) Some of the schemes being implemented for the benefit of silk Industry workers, include supply of mulberry cuttings, assistance to Bivolttime Seed Cocoon Producers, establishment of Chawkie Rearing Carters, subsidy to farmers for purchase of nylon nets for Uzifly control, Incentive for Bivolttime Cocoon and Raw Silk producers, supply of rearing kit to small and

marginal farmers, assistance to reelers for establishing units in new and traditional areas, subsidy for establishing multiend reeling units & providing of margin money loan to cocoon and raw silk marketing agencies in States for marketing and stablation of cocoon and raw silk prices etc.

(d) The Government has been emphasising product development and upgradation of quality silk textiles, especially for export purposes. Export of silk products has been increasing over the past few years. Exports in 1990-91 were Rs.441 crores compared to Rs. 401 crores in 1989-90. A target of Rs.550 crores has been fixed for 1991-91.

[English]

Bench of Karnataka High Court in Hubli-Dharwar

1518. SHRI C.P. MUDALAGIRIYAPPA: Will the Minister of LAW, JUSTICE AND COMPANY AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is a demand for setting up a bench of Karnataka High Court in Hubli-Dharwar;

(b) if so, the time by which this bench is likely to be set up; and

(c) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS AND THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF LAW, JUSTICE AND COMPANY AFFAIRS (SHRI RANGARAJAN KUMARAMANGALAM): (a) to (c) Repre-